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Remarks

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-3, 5-10 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Nozaki et al., further rejected claims 1,2,4,6,8-10 under 35 USC 102(e) as being anticipated by Ito et al., and also rejected claims 1-3,5,8-10 under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Cho et al. The Examiner has also rejected claim 11 under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Nozaki et al., Ito et al. and Cho et al.

The applicants have amended claim 1 and deleted claims 2 and 3. The currently amended claim 1 now overcomes the prior art cited by the Examiner.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and reconsideration of it is requested. If the Examiner disagrees, she is requested to contact the agent for Applicants at the telephone number provided below.

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